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Task assigned to the various classes of political prisoners.

* 372 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of political prisoners was in the jails of this Presidency on 1st October 1933;

(*b*) how many of them were put in A class, how many in B class and how many in C class;

(*c*) whether A class, B class and C class political prisoners in a jail are allowed to mingle with each other;

(*d*) whether A and B class political prisoners are made to do any work; and

(*e*) if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) The number of civil disobedience prisoners in the jails of this Presidency as it stood on 30th September 1933 was 209.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to rules 747-C (7) and 747-D (5) of the Madras Jail Manual. The Government have not recognized any special class of prisoners known as political prisoners.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"With reference to the answers (*b*) and (*c*), will the information be made available to the House as soon as it is got?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall consider my hon. Friend's suggestion."

Allotment of labour to 'C' class political prisoners in jails.

* 373 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what kinds of work are extracted from 'C' class political prisoners in jails;

(*b*) whether they are made to work under criminal convict warders; and

(*c*) whether they are given oil baths and, if so, how many times a month?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules in Chapter XXIV of the Madras Jail Manual.

(*b*) He is referred to rule 339 (iii) of the Madras Jail Manual.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and the second part of the question does not arise.

Dietary of political prisoners in jails.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the diet given is to 'A' class, 'B' class and 'C' class political prisoners in jails; and

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(b) whether ghee and buttermilk are allowed to them, and, if so, to which of the classes?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the diet scales appended to rule 347 of the Madras Jail Manual.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"May I ask whether the hon. Member will alter the Jail rules so as to supply buttermilk to these prisoners who are not now supplied?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have given the answer a number of times on the floor of this House even the other day—Monday. It is under the consideration of the Government."

Depressed Classes

Acquisition of lands in Karikulavakam village for house-sites to Adi-Dravidas.

* 375 Q.—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the enquiry promised by the Government in reply to question No. 461 answered in the Council on 1st September 1921 was made and if so, with what results;

(b) whether it is a fact that proposals were made by the Revenue Department and the Labour Commissioner to acquire R.S. Nos. 15/2, 19/1 and 19/2 in Karikulavakam village, Tiruvallur taluk, for house sites to Adi-Dravidas on the ground-rent system as notified in the *Chingleput District Gazette*, dated 13th March 1920;

(c) whether it is a fact that successive District Collectors Messrs. A. M. A. C. Galletti, C. Henderson, J. Gray and D. N. Strathie inspected the sites and approved of the proposal to acquire the land as recommended by the Commissioner of Labour; and

(d) whether steps will now be taken to acquire the said area and grant sites to Adi-Dravidas on the ground-rent system as notified in the gazette?

A.—(a) The enquiry was made in 1921 and the information obtained then will be found in the Annexure[a] in the form of answers to the question of 1921.

(b) Proposals were made by the Revenue Department to acquire S. Nos. 15/2 and 19/1 to 3 on a co-operative basis, i.e., by the Adi-Dravidas forming a co-operative society and contributing towards the cost of the acquisition, but were dropped as they were not able to pay the initial deposit as required in Labour Commissioner's circular No. D. Dis. 846/27, dated 16th May 1927. There was no proposal from the Labour Commissioner.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 625–626 infra.